### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes

Property Name: Smith-Remsburg Farmstead; "Neighbors Content" Inventory Number: F-4-89 Address: 7423 Marker Road City: Middletown Zip Code: 21769 USGS Topographic Map: Middletown Frederick County: Is the property being evaluated a district? yes Owner: Randy D. & Karen B. Sowers Tax Map Number: 64 Tax Account ID Number: 03-126048 Tax Parcel Number: 132 Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Mgmt. Project: DBM-0475-Lamb's Knoll DOE Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_\_yes Name: Date: Is the property is located within a historic district? yes X no If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: NR-listed district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes \_\_\_\_\_\_no A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo) The Smith-Remsburg Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1830 brick dwelling and bank barn. The house is a two-story five-bay Flemish bond brick masonry building, sitting on a stone foundation, and capped by a side gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The dwelling is two bays deep, and has a two-story two-bay brick ell on the northern end of the rear. The windows are 6/6 wood sash, with jack arch lintels. There is a one-story three-bay half-hipped roofed porch that is supported by turned wood posts, with scrolled brackets. There is a one-leaf wood paneled door with a four-light transom. The bank barn is a five-course American bond brick masonry building that sits on a stone foundation, and is capped by a side gable roof sheathed in sheets of corrugated metal. There are wheat sheath decorative patterns in the brick of the sides of the barn. The gable ends are clad with wood. On the banked side of the barn, there are very large sliding wood doors. Two silos are attached to the structure. The Smith-Remsburg Farmstead was most recently surveyed in 1992. At that time it was determined that it was eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, architectural distinction. Both of the principal structures at the Smith-Remsburg Farmstead possess a high degree of intregity. They seem to have been little changed since 1992 and, in fact, since the time of their construction. The setting and character of the site remain little changed. There is no known association of the Smith-Remsburg Farmstead with events or individuals, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criteria A or B. Criterion D, information MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility not recommended Eligibility recommended X Criteria: X A B XC D Considerations: A B C D E F G None **MHT Comments** Reviewer Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

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**Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation** FREDERICK COUNTY **Real Property Data Search** 

View Map **New Search Ground Rent** 

**Account Identifier:** 

District - 03 Account Number - 126048

**Owner Information** 

**Owner Name:** 

SOWERS, RANDY D. & KAREN B.

**AGRICULTURAL** 

MIDDLETOWN MD 21769

**Principal Residence:** 

**Deed Reference:** 

NO

Mailing Address:

8305 BOLIVAR RD

1) / 2757/ 380

2)

**Location & Structure Information** 

**Premises Address** 7423 MARKER ROAD MIDDLETOWN 21769 Zoning

**Legal Description** 

160.77 AC W/S MARKER RD.

N/BIDLE RD.

**Sub District** Map Grid **Parcel** 64 5 132

Subdivision Section Block

Plat No: Plat Ref: 82

Group

**Special Tax Areas** 

Town **Ad Valorem** Tax Class

MIDDLETOWN AMBULANCE

**Primary Structure Built** 1890

**Enclosed Area** 3,000 SF

**Property Land Area** 160.77 AC

**County Use** 

**Stories** 

Basement

Type

Exterior

2

YES

STANDARD UNIT

BRICK

**Value Information** 

	Base	Value	Phase-in Ass	essments
	Value	As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2003	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
Land:	154,500	139,900		
Improvements:	170,300	165,480		
Total:	324,800	305,380	305,380	305,380

PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE

**Transfer Information** 

64,633

Seller: MONTGOMERY, MARCIA BEACHLEY Date:

09/14/2000 Price: \$300,000

NOT ARMS-LENGTH Type: Seller: MONTGOMERY, DAVID R. & MARCIA B.

**Preferential Land:** 

Deed1: / 2757/ 380 Date: 12/15/1998 Deed2: Price: \$0

Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH BEACHLEY, M. RICH. Seller:

Deed1: / 2513/ 228 04/04/1991 Date:

Deed2: Price: \$400,000

Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 1699/1080 Deed2:

64,900

**Exemption Information** 

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64,766

**Partial Exempt Assessments** County

64,500

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Tax Exempt: **Exempt Class:** 

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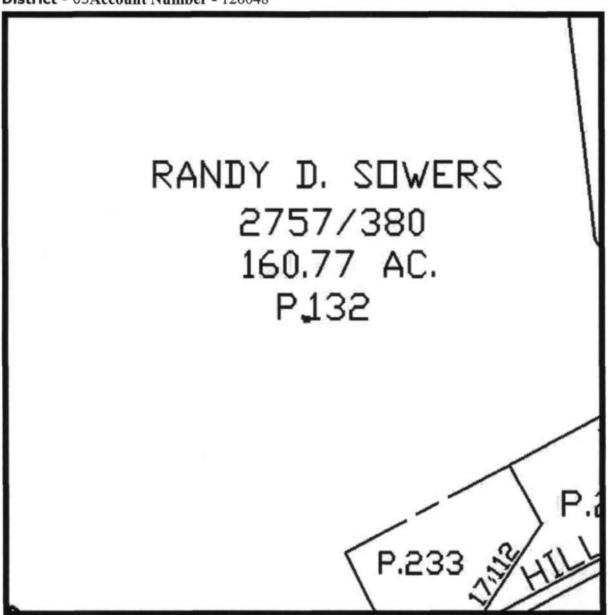
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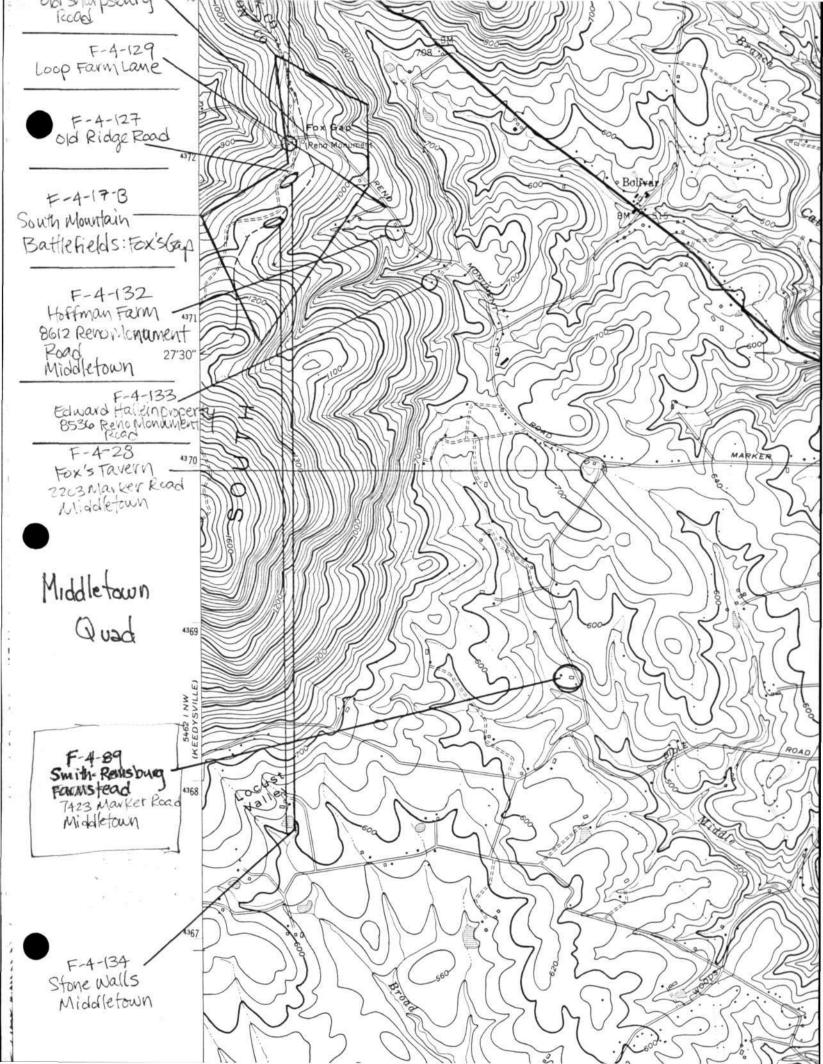
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barn, looking southwest



F-4-89 Smith - Remsburg Farmstead, 7423 Marker Road Frederick county, MD EHT Traceries 10/2003 MD SHOO barn, looking northeast

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The Smith-Remsburg Farmstead, or "Neighbors Content", as it was known until about 1920, contains a two-story brick dwelling with five bays and a bracketed one-story porch built about 1830, a stone and log springhouse with an inscribed 1812 datestone with the initials of Henry Smith, the owner of the farm from 1804 to 1824, a brick and frame bank barn of about 1825-1850 possibly built by a subsequent owner, Samuel Remsburg, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of the late 19th century. The brick architecture of the house and the bank barn are good examples of their types and periods. The bank barn is one of two identified in the Middletown Valley, the other being the dated 1856 barn at Old The Smith-Remsburg barn has wheat sheaf pattern vents in Needwood (F-2-64). the end walls. The house plan is a simple central hall type with flanking parlors and a rear wing. Evidence on the brick exterior end wall of the wing indicates that a projecting bake oven was once present and removed in the early 20th century.

F-4-89 Smith-Remsburg Farmstead Middletown Frederick County

#### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

## Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form HISTORIC PROPERTIES

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF Magi No.

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1. Name	findicate prefer	rred name)					
historic Smith-Remsl	ourg Farmstead;	"Neighbors Cont	ent"				
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2. Location							
street & number 742	3 Marker Road				_ not for p	ublicatio	n
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# 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-89

 Condition
 Check one
 Check one

 \_\_\_ excellent
 \_\_\_ deteriorated
 \_\_\_ unaltered
 \_\_\_ x original site

 \_\_\_ good
 \_\_\_ ruins
 \_\_\_ altered
 \_\_\_ moved date of move

 \_\_\_ fair
 \_\_ unexposed

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

#### CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

The Smith-Remsburg Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1830 brick dwelling with a dated 1812 stone and log springhouse/summer kitchen, a brick and frame bank barn possibly built in the second quarter of the 19th century, a concrete block milk house of the first quarter of the 20th century, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib built during the last quarter of the 19th century. The farmstead is located on the west side of Marker Road about 1/4 mile north of the Bidle Road intersection near Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling is set back from Marker Road and faces east. The brick barn is prominently visible at the edge of Marker Road and the other outbuildings are arranged between the barn and the house, including several non-contributing modern agricultural outbuildings. Among these are a concrete block dairy barn and three silos.

The dwelling, which was dated by title research and the presence of the corbeled cornice and a Greek Revival mantel, has two sections, a two-story main section with five bays and a flemish bond east elevation and a two-story rear wing with a one-story shed addition covered with modern vinyl siding. The principal section has a center entrance with a four-light transom and a one-story frame porch with brackets and chamfered posts, probably an addition of the third quarter of the 19th The door is a three-paneled type with its upper panel glazed, probably replacement of the late 19th century. The windows are 6/6 with gauged flat arche and wood sills. Louvred shutters flank the windows. The cornice is corbeled brick, a feature of buildings erected between about 1820 and 1850. The roof is covered Interior end chimneys rise at the north and south with composition material. elevations. The north and south elevations and the rear wing are in 5:1 American bond and the west end of the rear wing shows a patched section where a projecting bake oven rear wall was removed. The north and south elevations each have two bays with two attic windows near the gable peaks. The attic windows are 2/2. On the south elevation of the rear wing is an open, two-story porch with square posts. The wing has four bays with alternating doors and windows. The wood lintels are plain. The interior of the house has a central stair hall flanked by two parlors. The mantels in each parlor have been replaced, the north parlor having a Greek Revival style mantel and the south parlor having a circa 1950 rebuilt mantel and surround. The south parlor has molded window and door surrounds with bull's eye corner The north parlor has a built-in cupboard flanking the mantel, and a modern bathroom partitioned off near the west side of the room. In the hall, the stair closers are scroll-sawn in a simple design. The rear wing has a dining room with a built-in cupboard and a molded chair rail. In the modern kitchen is a closed-off cooking fireplace and a winding stair to the second story. The frame shed addition to the wing contains a pantry. The second floor of the house has grained wood trim and 6-panel doors.

Springhouse: The springhouse has a stone lower level and a log upper section covered with german siding except in the north gable where beaded clapboards, probably the original siding, is intact. At the northwest corner of the stone section is a stone inscribed with a panel surrounding the initials "H S" flanking heart above the date 1812. The heart motif is repeated in the gable of the log section as a vent opening. "H S" is undoubtedly Henry Smith, who was the owner

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Smith-Remsburg Farmstead, known until the early 1920's as "Neighbors Content" after the original 180-acre tract surveyed for Andrew Smith in 1790, is a good example of the vernacular brick architecture of dwellings and bank barns in the first quarter of the 19th century, with a mostly unaltered plan featuring twin parlors flanking a central hall. The brick bank barn with decorative vents is one of two brick barns of the German type identified in the Middletown Valley. The other barn is a dated 1856 example at Old Needwood (F-2-64). The Smith-Remsburg barn may date from the second quarter of the 19th century. The elaborately carved datestone on the springhouse and the complexity of spaces and finishes in the log pper level suggests that it was the original dwelling of the farm, used until the rick house was finished. The son of Andrew Smith, Henry Smith, left his initials on the datestone. In 1831, the farm was sold to Samuel Remsburg, whose descendants owned the property until 1925, when it was passed to Martin S. Beachley, a nephew of the last Remsburg owner. Mrs. David Montgomery, one of the current owners, is a descendant of the Beachley family. Samuel Remsburg may be responsible for the building of the brick barn.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-89

Beachley, Mrs. M. Richard, telephone interview, June 24, 1992 Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858. Land Records of Frederick County.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Smith-Remsburg Farmstead Frederick County

## 7.1 Description (Continued)

from about 1804 to 1824. The log section has two bays on the north with a four-panel door hung on strap hinges. The windows are 6/6 with molded frames. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The interior of the log section has wide board floors, a molded chair rail, and plastered walls. A tongue-and-groove partition creates two rooms. The lower stone level has two rooms with a cooling trough running through both rooms from the spring just north of the foundation. The south room has a large cooking fireplace and the exterior stone and brick chimney is located on the south gable end. The finish and complexity of spaces in the springhouse suggests that it may have been the first dwelling structure in the farm, used while the brick house was being built.

Bank barn and milk house: The large brick and frame bank barn was probably built between 1825 and 1850. The brick end walls in 5:1 American bond have vents in the shape of wheat sheaves or hour glasses. On the north elevation are sliding tongue-and-groove doors, which replace the probable original swing The roof is corrugated metal over wood shingles. Next to the ramp on the north side is the concrete base of a silo which has been removed. On the south elevation, the stall level is walled with brick. On the east end is a frame enclosure sided with german siding, the original milking room, an alteration of the first quarter of the 20th century. On the west end of the barn is a concrete block tractor shed, a later 20th century addition. The vertical sided forebay above the stall level has a loading door below a projecting dormer in the approximate center of the elevation. Adjacent to the east end of the barn and at the edge of Marker Road is a one-story concrete block milk house built in the first quarter of the 20th century. It has a standing seam metal roof and metal casement windows.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed with corn cribs was built in the last quarter of the 19th century. It has vertical siding and sliding doors on the north elevation with a roof covered in both pressed metal and standing seam metal.

Smith-Remsburg Farmstead Frederick County

9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

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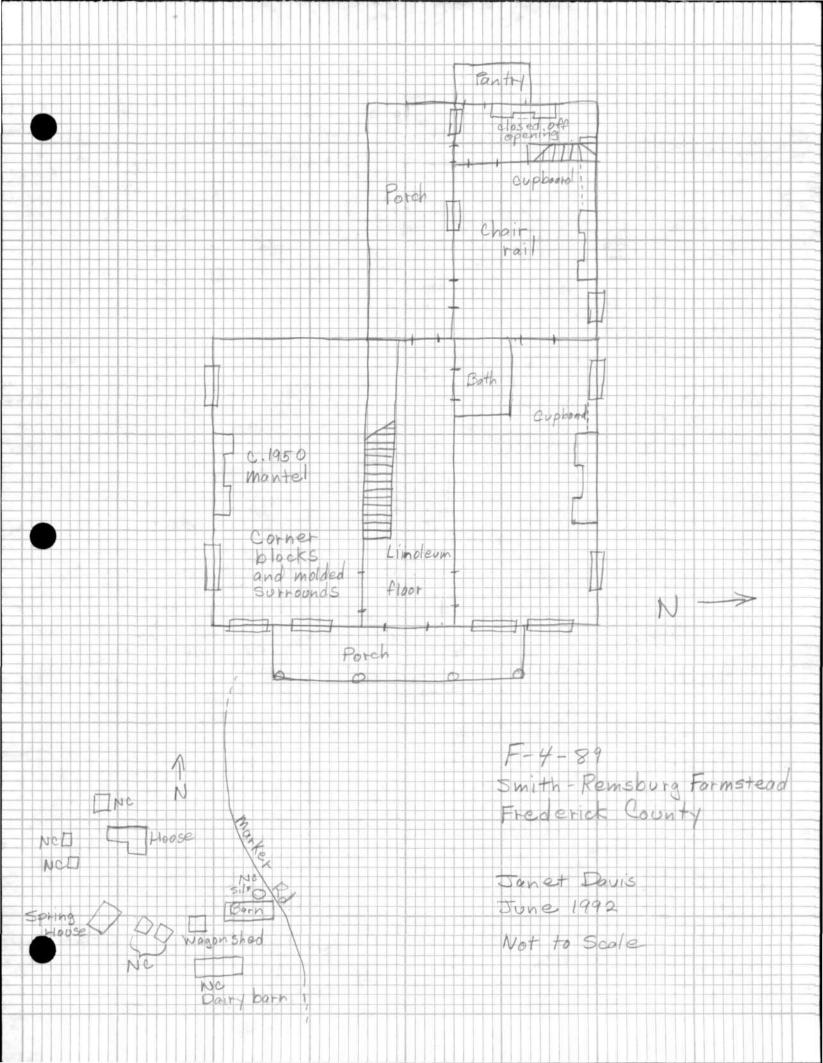
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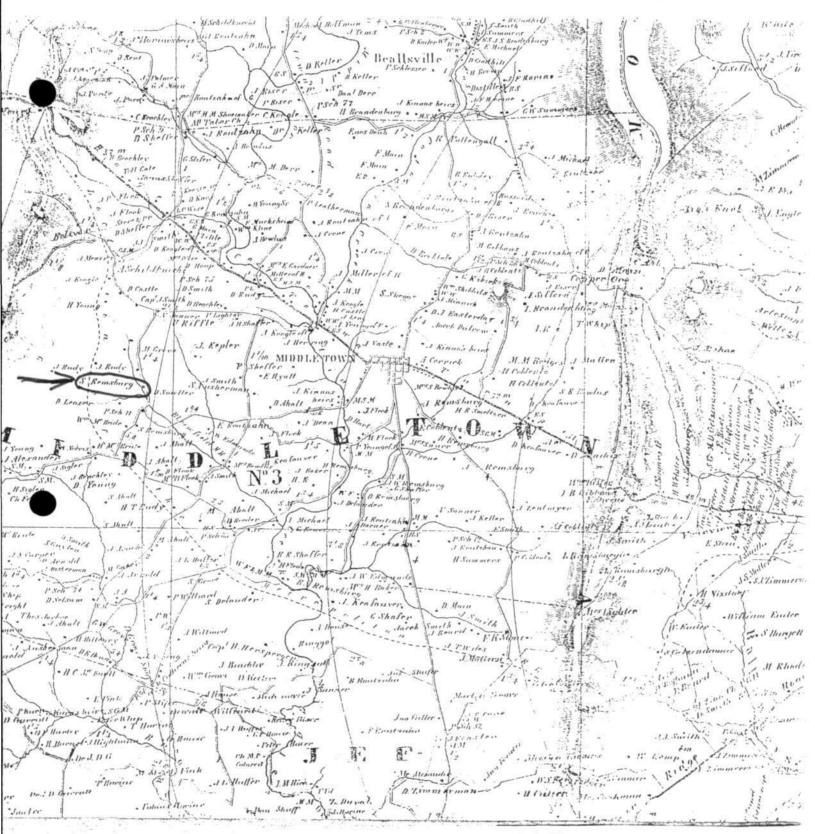
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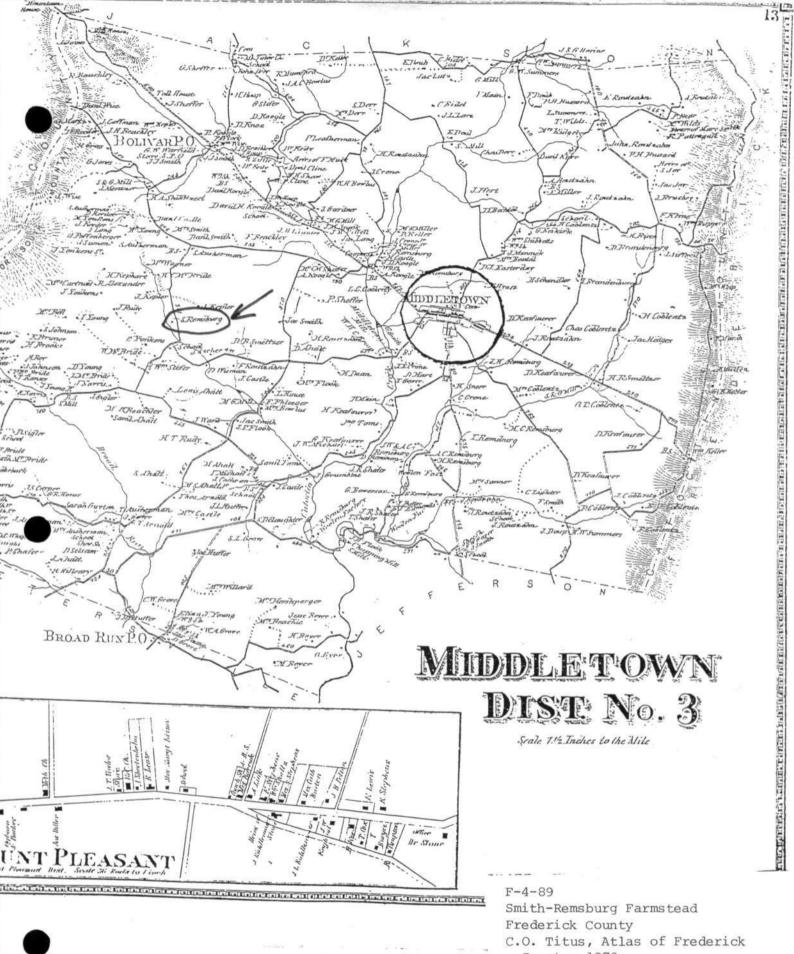
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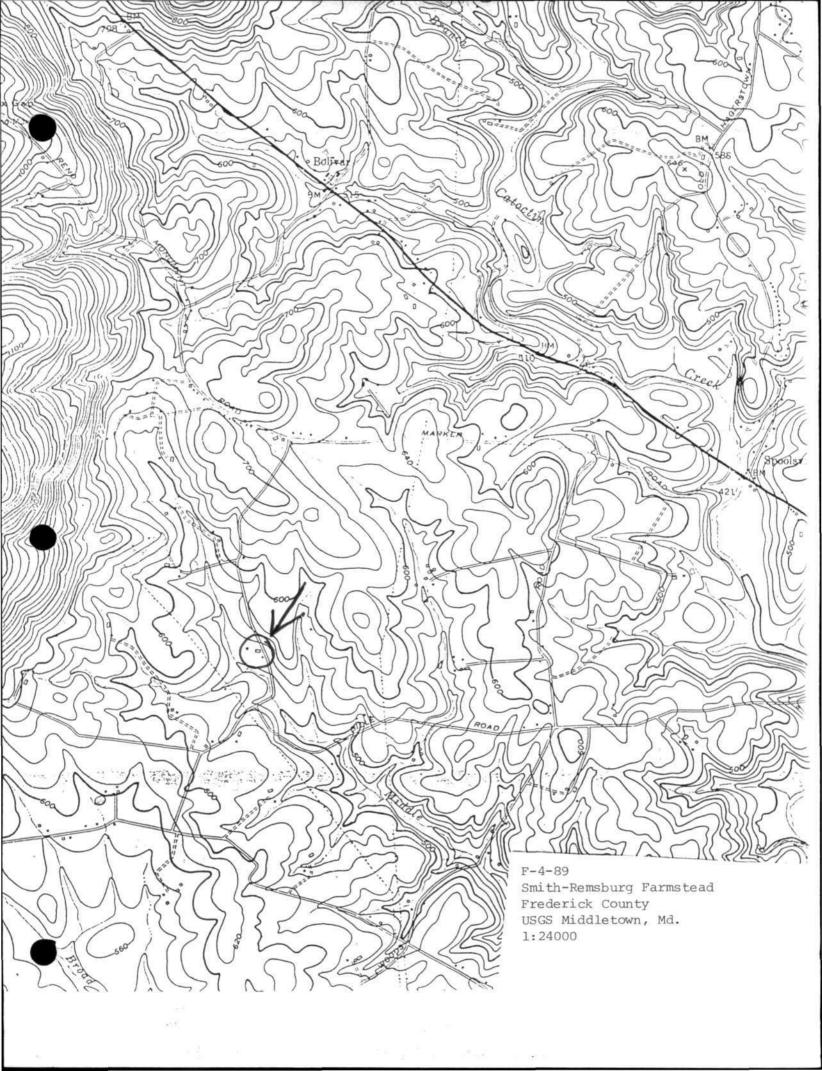




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